Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0003] with the following amended paragraph:

[0003]   The disadvantage of the existing procedures for such parallel call delivery results from the uncertainty of the status of the end devices (switched off, technically not reachable, busy). This uncertainty may cause:

- Unnecessary occupancy of cellular and land-based network resources for attempts to connect that are actually unnecessary

- Network services such as call forwarding to be executed in the network area of the ~~called~~ end device being called, which may lead to partially undesired product scenarios and, in particular, to the unnecessary use of network resources, and to substantial additional costs for net operators and end customers.

- Network services, such as call forwarding, depend on data records that are separately assigned to each end device within the network. Since these data records are not automatically synchronized, the result is a different call behavior depending on which particular end device is being used and/or a substantial cost for the user to manually synchronize the end device data records. Furthermore, the user's selection options for the settings of the network services must be restricted in order to guarantee the correct network behavior during the delivery of parallel calls.

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:

[0013]   Description of the network elements used in Figure 1:

The individual blocks represent the following devices:

A) Switching facility of a public network (for example, GSM MSC: mobile switching center)

Ba/b: Intelligent call control in a public network with an integrated or remote database for controlling the logic and subscriber data (for example, IN SCP/SMP, service control point/service management point)

Ca/b/c): Mobility/profile databases of the public network with location information and feature profiles of the cellular phone subscriber ~~B10/B20/B30~~ (for example, GSM HLR, home location register)

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D1/D2/D3): Switching facility of the public network (for example, GSM MSC)

B10/B20/B30): Mobile end devices

E: Forwarding target

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following amended paragraph:

[0017]   This central call control system contains, in an assigned database, information related to devices B10, B20, B30, which are assigned to the particular subscriber's number. The call control system B then determines the status of the assigned end devices in the mobility/profile databases Ca, Cb and Cc of the subscribers to be called. At the same time, the status of the subscribers to be called is also being polled in the location switching centers D1, D2, D3. Based on this information, and using a corresponding control circuit in the call control system B, it is determined whether it makes sense to call the end devices in the network, or to immediately forward or release the incoming call. If - according to the rules stored in the call control system - the end devices are to be called, the call control system B requests that call switching facility A continue the call setup, while parallel call attempts to multiple end devices B10, B20 and B30 can be performed. At the same time, the call control system instructs the switching facility A to report the unsuccessful end of these call setup attempts to call control system Ba. Normally, upon reaching certain conditions (not available, no calls accepted within the call interval), incoming calls are forwarded in the location switching facilities D1, D2, D3 of the subscriber on the basis of the profile of the called subscriber stored in the mobility/profile database Ca, Cb, Cc. In order to avoid this undesired effect, the call control system instructs the location switching facility D1, D2, D3 of the subscriber, by means of a suitable signal, to suppress call forwarding. If in the further course of action no connection is established, because, for example, the ~~called~~ end devices being called are not reachable or the subscriber does not accept the call, a negative acknowledgement shall be sent back to the call control system B . Based on this information and on the polling of the subscriber's profile in the main end device B10, which is used for all end devices, the call control Ba determines the reaction desired for the further course of action. This can be the release of the connection or the forwarding of the call to a new target E. At this point, the call control causes the call switching facility to trigger the corresponding functions and ends the control.

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following amended paragraph:

[0018] The subsequent example illustrates this process while describing the individual process steps 0 to 17 as represented in Figure 1.

0) Setup of the subscriber's profile (especially of the desired call forwarding behavior) by the subscriber on end device B10 in the assigned profile database Ca at any time before the subsequently described process;

1) An incoming call to the uniform number of the particular subscriber arrives at the switching facility A;

2) Determination of the subscriber's location, for example, within the range of the switching facility D1, and of the subscriber's profile in the mobility/profile database Ca by the switching facility A;

3) Polling of the call control Ba by the switching facility A, triggered by the polled subscriber's profile;

4a/b/c) Polling of the status of the ~~called~~ end devices <u>being called</u> in the mobility/profile databases Ca, Cb, Cc by the call control B;

5a/b/c) Polling/communication of the status of the ~~called~~ end devices <u>being called</u> B10, B20, B30 in the switching facilities D1, D2, D3 in whose range the end devices are located;

6a/b/c) Communication of the status of the ~~called~~ end devices <u>being called</u> B10, B20, B30 to the call control Ba.

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] b) The network resources (switching, lines) required to switch one or more parallel calls to one or more end devices of a user are minimized in that, before the call is delivered with the <u>resulting</u> necessary occupancy of the required resources, polling the corresponding mobility/profile databases [[but]] <u>and</u> also the switching facilities, in which the end devices are located, first an intelligent call control derives the system status (for example, busy, free, not reachable) of the end devices to be called and derives from it the optimal call delivery, during which only call attempts that promise success ~~including the corresponding occupancy of network resources~~ are initiated.

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph:

[0025]   c) The network resources (switching, lines) required for the switching of a call forwarding in the public cellular phone network are minimized in that, before the call is delivered, polling the corresponding database that stores the assigned feature profile [[but]] and also the switching facilities, in which the end device is located, first an intelligent call control derives the system status (for example, busy, free, not reachable) of the end device to be called and – if possible – immediately initiates a call forwarding process in accordance with the determined system status of the end device (free, busy, not reachable) and the settings of the end device, i.e., without setting up a line to the end device called. If it is possible to derive from the determined system status that an end device is free to receive a call, first the call is delivered, however, in such a manner that – should it not be accepted (for example, because the end device is technically not reachable, the subscriber does not respond, the subscriber rejects the call), the occupied line is again released up to the origin of the connection and, depending on the end device status determined from the unsuccessful call attempt and the previously determined settings of the end device for call forwarding functionality, a direct connection is established to a desired call forwarding target.

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

[0026]   d) Use and combination of the above methods to optimize the network resources used and the customer-relevant system behavior for the execution of parallel call attempts of end devices assigned to a user initiated by a call. Here, based on the evaluation of the system statuses of all parallel ~~called~~ end devices being called, the call forwarding is initiated in the original switching facility by a central control.

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